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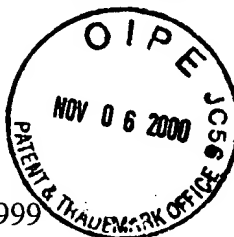
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement that was made in the Office Action mailed June 30, 2000, Applicant elects to prosecute the invention illustrated in the species of Figures 7-22. Applicant submits herewith a Preliminary Amendment. Applicant requests that the Amendment be entered. New Claims 41-47 read on the species of Figures 7-22. Applicant respectfully submits that these claims are generic.

The application is now believed to be in condition for examination. Accordingly, examination of new claims 41-47 is requested. Should there be any questions regarding this

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response to restriction requirement, the Examiner is cordially invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number appearing below.

Respectfully submitted,

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